IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Giuseppe CAPUTO : Confirmation No: 5913 Serial No.: 10/568,159 : Group Art Unit: 1626

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CYANIN-TYPE COMPOUNDS HAVING AN ALKYNYL LINKER ARM

AMENDMENT AND ELECTION AFTER RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U. S. C. §121

VIA EFS WEB

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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action dated October 12, 2007 please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.